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### **RE: Extension of Moratorium on Enforcement of Challenge Course Regulations**

Dear Challenge Course/Permanent Rock Wall Owner,

On November 30, 2005, the Department of Public Safety notified you of the Department's intent to promulgate emergency regulations pertaining to challenge courses by March 31, 2006 and begin enforcement of the regulations as part of the existing amusement regulations shortly thereafter.

Over the course of the past few months, the Department has received helpful feedback from many individuals and organizations involved with the challenge course industry and has had the opportunity to discuss the issues which are unique to this segment of the industry. These discussions have been of great assistance to the Department during the on-going drafting process, and the Department has determined that an extension of the moratorium until September 1, 2006 is appropriate at this time to ensure that the best possible regulations are in place and implemented in a reasonable manner.

Within the next few weeks, the Department intends to post a draft of the proposed regulations on its website, [www.mass.gov/dps](http://www.mass.gov/dps). This will be a draft only, and will not be in effect by emergency. The Department encourages written comments. Shortly thereafter, the Commissioner will convene a public forum to discuss the draft regulations and solicit further comments with the intent of promulgating the regulations through the formal process on or before August 31, 2006. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Department will begin enforcement of the permanent regulations on or about September 1, 2006 with the expectation that the industry will be fully aware of the new requirements by that time. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Mooney, Assistant Chief of Inspections at (617) 727-3200.